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SUBJ: POPE RECEIVES THREE MOZAMBIQUE BISHOPS

REF:

LOURENCO MARQUES 559; (B) LOURENCO MARQUES

A-13, FEB. 15, 1972; (C) LOURENCO MARQUES A-135

1. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS, POPE ON SEPTEMBER 13 RECEIVED MOZAMBIQUE BISHOPS OF TETE, QUELIMANE AND NAMPULA IN WHAT WAS DESCRIBED BY VATICAN SPOKESMAN AS "NORMAL PERIODIC VISIT" CONCERNING THE MISSIONARY SITUATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIOCESES.

2. COMMENT: SEEMS LOGICAL THAT ALLEGED MASSACRES BY PORTUGUESE TROOPS IN TETE, AND ACTIVITIES OF SO-CALLED

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BURGOS FATHERS, CONSTITUTED A SIGNIFICANT PART OF

CONVERSATIONS. BISHOP OF TETE HAS KEPT PUBLICLY SILENT
AS TO THE KNOWLEDGE HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CONCERNING
THE ALLEGED MASSACRES (REF. A); BISHOPS OF NAMPULA IS
LIBERAL KNOWN TO BE CRITICAL OF PORTUGUESE ARMY ACTIONS
(REF. B); WHILE BISHOP OF QUELIMANE RECENTLY DENOUNCED
PUBLICLY LETTERS FROM LAY AND CHURCH FIGURES APPARENTLY
ACCUSING THE MOZAMBIQUE BISHOPS OF BEING TOO CONSERVATIVE
AND PRO-GOVERNMENT (REF. C). GROUP THUS SEEMS A BALANCED
ONE. AS OF SEPTEMBER 17 BISHOP OF TETE APPARENTLY STILL
AWAY FROM HIS DIOCESE AS VISITING DEFENSE MINISTER
RECEIVED THERE BY VICAR-GENERAL.
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